

To the Honorable members of the Housing Committee and of the General Assembly:

I am writing to support HB 6633, to develop an equitable plan for affordable housing across the state.

Connecticut suffers from both a severe shortage of affordable housing, and an undue concentration of what affordable housing exists in our cities. This creates hardship for many Connecticut residents, and contributes to the growing segregation of our state, both racially and culturally.

Ever increasing fiscal aid to selected cities, while necessary in the short term, is a band aid which is untenable in the long term and fails to address the real problem.

We must begin the process of finding an equitable, long-term solution to our housing problems.

Thank you.

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